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1. The response to the non-final office action of 5/3/2006, filed 8/3/2006 cannot be entered.
2. The claim amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), because amended claims 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10, do not correctly show the changes to the claim wording. For example, the terms cirrhosis and model are underlined, but were present in the original claims. Additionally, wording present in the original claims (e.g. animal and hepatic tissue) has been omitted, and not indicated as deleted text by strikethrough. Therefore, the claims as amended, do not correspond to the claims originally presented.

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